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SUBJ: DRV-JAPAN RELATIONS

REF: A. TOKYO 11737 B. TOKYO 12369

SUMMARY: HANOI AND TOKYO HAVE AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE"
TO JAPAN'S OPENING EMBASSY IN HANOI AND DELAYING FINAL
DECISION ON AMOUNT OF AID. FLY IN OINTMENT IS HANOI'S
INSISTENCE ON RAISING PRG ISSUE AGAIN. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FIRST SE ASIA DIV HANABUSA
INFORMED EMBASSY SEP 27 THAT DRV AND GOJ HAVE
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AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS IN

SETTLEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS: A) JAPAN WILL OPEN EMBASSY IN HANOI. B. GOJ WILL PROVIDE HANOI IMMEDIATELY AN INITIAL FIVE BILLION YEN, ALREADY ALLOCATED IN FY 73 BUDGET. AS FOR REMAINDER, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTAL TWELVE BILLION YEN JAPAN OFFERED AND 14.8 BILLION DRV DEMANDED WILL BE SETTLED IN FUTURE DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS. (REF A). ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE TO SETTLEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS IS DRAFTING WRITTEN AGREEMENT. IN RECENT NEGOTIATING SESSION, HANOI SURPRISED JAPANESE BY MENTIONING THAT DRV PLANNED TO INCLUDE IN DRAFT A PHRASE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "GOJ WILL FACILITATE PRG REPS VISITS TO JAPAN." HANABUSA SAID INCLUSION OF SUCH PHRASEOLOGY IN ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS GRANTING A DEGREE OF RECOGNITION TO THE PRG WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO GOJ. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FONOFF MIGHT CONSIDER A FORMULATION WHICH STATED THAT "DRV STATED THAT GOJ SHOULD FACILITATE PRG REPS VISITS TO JAPAN" AND "GOJ TAKES NOTE OF DRV'S STATEMENT." FONOFF REMINDED HANABUSA THAT USG WOULD BE EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER ANY STEP GOJ MIGHT TAKE WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY BE INTERPRETED AS GRANTING ANY RECOGNITION TO PRG. HANABUSA RESPONDED THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS AND WE SHOULD NOT WORRY.

2. FONOFF HAD HOPED FOR AGREEMENT WITH HANOI BEFORE ASIA BUREAU DIRGEN TAKASHIMA LEAVES FOR VISIT TO BURMA OCT 1. STRESSING SENSITIVITY THIS INFO, HANABUSA SAID IF AGREEMENT REACHED IN TIME TAKASHIMA WILL VISIT HANOI AND PEKING ENROUTE BACK FROM BURMA. HE MUST RETURN TO TOKYO BY OCT 14 WHEN GOJ ASIA AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE. PURPOSE OF HANOI STOP WOULD BE TO REASSURE DRV THAT JAPAN WOULD STAND BY AGREEMENT REACHED IN VIETIANE NEGOTIATIONS. PEKING STOP WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY IF TAKASHIMA GOES FIRST TO HANOI.

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3. HANABUSA REITERATED THAT RECENT DECISION TO PERMIT PRG REPS ENTRY REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN GOJ POLICY. EACH CASE WOULD BE DECIDED ON OWN MERITS AND PRG PASSPORTS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. ENTRY WOULD BE SEPARATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTS ONLY. (REF B).

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE WOULD, OF COURSE,

PREFER GOJ MADE NO CONCESSION ON PRG ISSUE,
GOJ IS NOW IN FACT "FACILITATING PRG REPS VISIT TO JAPAN" ON
CASE BY CASE BASIS.
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